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APPARATUS AND CONTENT RECORDING PROGRAM

SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application on the merits, and supplemental to the Preliminary Amendment filed December 7, 2001 in the instant application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 11 as follows (a marked-up copy of the claim amendment is provided as an attachment to this Amendment):

11. (Amended-Clean Text) A file management method according to claim 1, comprising:

creating a directory for each package when said object is said package file;

recording on the basis of said directory a content file contained in the relevant package

and a metadata file corresponding to that content;

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